

Torrance Republican Club Organizes, Hears Speakers

The Torrance Republican Club has been organized, according to its temporary chairman, Tom Brewer.

Organizing members are Mr. and Mrs. John Kessin, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Prindiville, Mrs. Mary Ann Haslitt, Joseph Maxin, John Crain, Anita Sharpe, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Glasier, and John Grutznik.

The first meeting was addressed by Don Anderson, Republican area coordinator, of the 17th Congressional District, and Richard Glasier, Republican candidate for the 68th Assembly District.

Anderson spoke of the need for organizing the Torrance area and submitted results of precinct work done by Republican Assembly districts.

Glasier stressed the need of building a new Republican organization in the city, which contains more than 50% of the registered Republican voters in the 68th district.

Brewer outlined the objectives and purposes of the new Torrance Republican Club. The group plans to recruit Republican workers to assist the campaigns of all candidates in the city. It will strive to build a permanent organization and

maintain the interest of all Torrance Republicans.

It also will endeavor to promote the growth of Republicanism in the Torrance community. The organization will cooperate and work with all other Republican groups in the 68th District.

The club will meet every Tuesday evening at 8 at the home of Mrs. Prindiville, Torrance precinct chairman, 3422 228th St. All Republicans may attend.

Auxiliary Dance Planned May 7

The Lomita Little League Auxiliary discussed plans for a get-acquainted dance May 7 at its recent election meeting last Tuesday.

Taking office at the meeting were Mmes. Jesse Nichols, president; Louise Donaher, vice president; Fred Savage, secretary; and Robert Wicklund, treasurer. Tuesday the group will sponsor a shoe exchange for Little League members, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., at 26316 Eshelman Ave. Interested persons may call DA 5-1177.

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ROBERT C. LONG

Torrance Airman to Take Radio, Radar Course

Airman Robert C. Long of 21417 S. Berendo has completed his initial course of air-force basic military training at Lackland AFB, Texas, and has been selected to attend the technical-training course for radio and radar maintenance at Keesler AFB, Mississippi.

Long was selected on the basis of his aptitude scores in this field. Under the present enlistment system, an individual is tested in administration, mechanical, general area, and in the electronic area prior to enlisting. Then he is allowed to choose the area he desires prior to enlistment. Long scored exceptionally high in all areas.

Paget

(Continued from Page One) Citizen of the Year was manager of the firm's Salinas store before accepting that post here in 1947.

Paget has been a chamber director eight years and has held every office in that organization.

He is past president of the chamber's Downtown Retail Merchants division, a director of the Executives' Dinner Club of the Torrance area, and a former member of both the Torrance recreation and parking commissions.

Paget and his wife, Joy, are parents of three children, James, 20, Joe, 18, and Nancy, 15. They live at 20 Headland Drive, Rolling Hills.

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The Police Department's Secret Weapon

Last week a new resident called at the police station for information. He was somewhat different than most new residents, having served time in prison. He wanted to register and tell them where he'd be living.

"No need to bother," the officer told him. "The law was found invalid, and they're taking it off the books."

The story would be pointless except that the man was treated with the courtesy due any human being and that this is the rule, not the exception, with the Torrance police. Before he departed, the man was directed to other places where he had to take care of other business.

Thus the department can add one more to its legions of friends, without whom it is doubtful they could carry out the tremendous job of policing so vast an area for 105,000 persons with so small a staff. Official recognition of this accomplishment was recorded with presentation of a plaque to the chief, Percy G. Bennett, by the City Council last month.

This present writer has had the fortune and misfortune to work with many departments, but none enjoys the good will of known and unknown allies that exists here.

The condition is not without reason. The police log is sprinkled daily with such notations as "Warned and advised. Will cooperate." The inclination is to make an arrest only when there is incontrovertible reason. Nothing is gained by jailing an irate husband who is kicking up a fuss trying to get his clothes out of the house, nor to haul in a drunk who still has a fair chance of making it home.

Every effort is made to reason with the obnoxious and to persuade the overamorous to take their love making out of the car and indoors.

We have made no effort to find out whence came the order to treat people like people; if it was an order, it must have come from on high, for it suffices the entire organization. Or perhaps it is just a general agreement. This report is from observation, not research.

To say that the police are without enemies is absurd. There is a business in which the best the cop expects out of any situation is the worst of it. One disagreeable encounter, and a citizen is mad: two, and he will be an eager recipient of any propaganda urged against the department.

Conspicuously absent here, too, is the mass inferiority complex that elsewhere keeps policemen so busy defending the indefensible that they scarcely have time to work. Last week a boy eluded a juvenile officer by jumping out a window of his home. No excuses had to be offered or asked. The boy evened the score by turning himself in an hour later. The Lucky Market holdup still gives the detective bureau a royal pain. So who's perfect?

Absent here, again, are the continual announcements and warnings made to a harried public by nervous police chiefs or other high officers who haven't been in the paper for a spell. These take the form of scaring the daylights out of people over fireworks on the Fourth of July, driving on Labor Day, and drinking at Christmas. Yet to be contrived are frights for Arbor Day and Ash Wednesday.

In the extreme, testimony of shakiness in high places is betrayed by bogus warnings of "organized crime," "gambling syndicates," "dope rings," or "the Mafia." If the public can be convinced there is an ogre—and the police are its only savior—it works wonders at budget time. We find none of that here.

The only announcement we've been treated to recently was a plea for police matrons of a high caliber to match those the department already has. At last report, the recruitment was going well.

The Torrance police win cooperation by cooperating, win friends by being friends, and citizens should be alive to the fact that the department is matching efforts with the City Council and Chamber of Commerce to keep this the All-American City.

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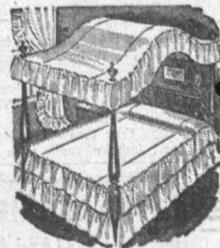
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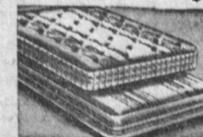
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